

The actions taken by Sinclair broadcasting are a disgrace. Our country, under the supervision of the FCC, essentially, gives away the broadcasting spectrums used by Sinclair, and others, to provide television programming. Among the minimal requirements that these broadcasters must adhere to is to provide equal time for opinion or partisan programming or opinions. To any neutral observer, Sinclair has repeatedly violated these requirements and should face the possibility of losing their spectrums.

The first instance of obvious partisan bias came when Sinclair ordered its stations not to air a Nightline segment detailing the loss of American soldiers in Iraq. Now, Sinclair has ordered its stations to air an obviously biased program that is solely aimed at harming the election chance of John Kerry. In neither instance, has Sinclair offered equal time, or any time, to an opposite view or allowed for any meaningful debate on the topic.

The FCC is charged with monitoring and enforcing the rules of our nation's spectrums. If it fails, again, to enforce the rules against Spectrum, it will have shown itself to be as shamelessly partisan as Spectrum.